Raids conducted at the office premises of Voltas company and its distributors

1753. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MA LAVIYA; Will the Minister of FI NANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a raid was recently conducted at the office premises of Voltas and its distributors ail over the country for evasion of excise duty; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (by Searches were carried out in the air conditioning and refrigerating division of M/s Voltas Ltd. at their Head office at Bombay and at their branch offices at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras on 6.7.88 by the Officers of the Directorate of Anti-Evasion with the assistance of local central excise officers. Three of its associate concerns (two at Delhi and one at Madras) wera also searched simultaneously. A number of incriminating records/documents have been seized. Investigations are in progress.

Action as per the law will be taken on completion of investigations.

Memorandum submitted by army officers and former civil servants on Punjab situation

1754. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether a group of army officers and former civil servants who have formed a study circle has submitted a memorandum on Punjab situation to the Central Government as reported in the Hindustan Times of June 7, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A memorandum addressed to Prime Minister by shri C. S. Jha, on behalf of an unofficial study group incorporating some suggestions on the Punjab situation, has been received. The suggestions are being examined by the Government.

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की कपड़ा मिलों को हो रहे घाटे

1755. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के अन्तर्गत कपड़ा मिलों को निरन्तर घाटे हो रहे हैं; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) पिछले वर्ष के अन्त तक उक्त कपड़ा मिलों के समूह द्वारा कुल कितना घाटा उठाया गया ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन मिलों के कार्य-करण में सुधार करने के लिए कुछ प्रभावी उपाय किए गए थे ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) और (ख) 31 मार्च, 1988 तक एम० टी० सी० के अन्तर्गत मिलों द्वारा उठाया गया कुल संचयी घाटा लगभग 1330.63 करोड़ रुपये था ।

(ग) और (घ) मिलों के कार्य निष्पादन में सुधार लाने के लिए एन० टी० सी० में मिलों की विशिष्ट कार्य योजना तैयार की है । कार्य योजना अन्य बातों

के साथ-साथ चुनिन्दा आधुनिकीकरण स्वैच्छिक सेवा निवृत्तियों पर बेशी श्रम शक्ति के सुव्यवस्थीकरण तथा उत्पाद मिश्र को उन्नत बनाने पर आधारित है।

तमिलनाडु के हथकरघा बुनकरों द्वारा आन्दोलन

1756. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तमिलनाडु के हथकरघा बुनकरों ने अभी हाल ही में तंतु के दामों में वृद्धि होने के कारण आन्दोलन करने का निश्चय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इन बुनकरों से बात करके उन्हें आन्दोलन न करने के लिए राजी करने का प्रयास किया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इस मामले में कोई प्रयास न किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) से (ग) तमिलनाडु सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि राज्य सरकार की योजना "यार्न फार पावर" के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न हथकरघा एसोसिएशनों के यार्न की सप्लाई के लिए दरें निर्धारित किए जाने के परिणामस्वरूप हथकरघा बुनकर संघों द्वारा पहले जारी किया गया हड़ताल का नोटिस वापिस ले लिया गया है।

Army personnel killed in Manipur

1757. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drown to the press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 8th July, 1988 to the effect that 2 Army Majors and Jawan were killed in Ukhrul District of Mani-Pur;

(b) if so, what are the details there of; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to stop such in cidents and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 7th July, 1988 a Security Force jeep in which two Majors and a Jawan of the Assam Rifles were travelling was fired upon by extremists belonging to NSCN in Ukhrul town. In this incident, two Majors and a Jawan of Assam Rifles were killed and the driver and two civilians were injured.

(c) Meitei extermist organisations viz. People's Liberation Army, People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak etc. in Manipur have been declared as 'unlawful associations' under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The entire State of Manipur has been declared as 'disturbed area'. In addition, a 5 Km belt along the Indo-Burma border in Nagaland and Tirap District of Arunachal Pradesh has also been declared as 'disturbed area'. The strength of para-military forces where necessary has been suitably augmented. During this year upto 2.8.88, 57 NSCN undergrounds (Nagaland-34, Manipur-6, Tirap Dist. 17) have been arrested and another 24 have surrendered. In addition, 11 NSCN undergrounds (Nagaland-5, Manipur-4, Tirap Dist.-2) were killed in encounters with Security Forces.

Setting up of Housing Finance company by the Punjab National Bank

1758. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Willi the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Rational Bank has set up Housing Finance Com-